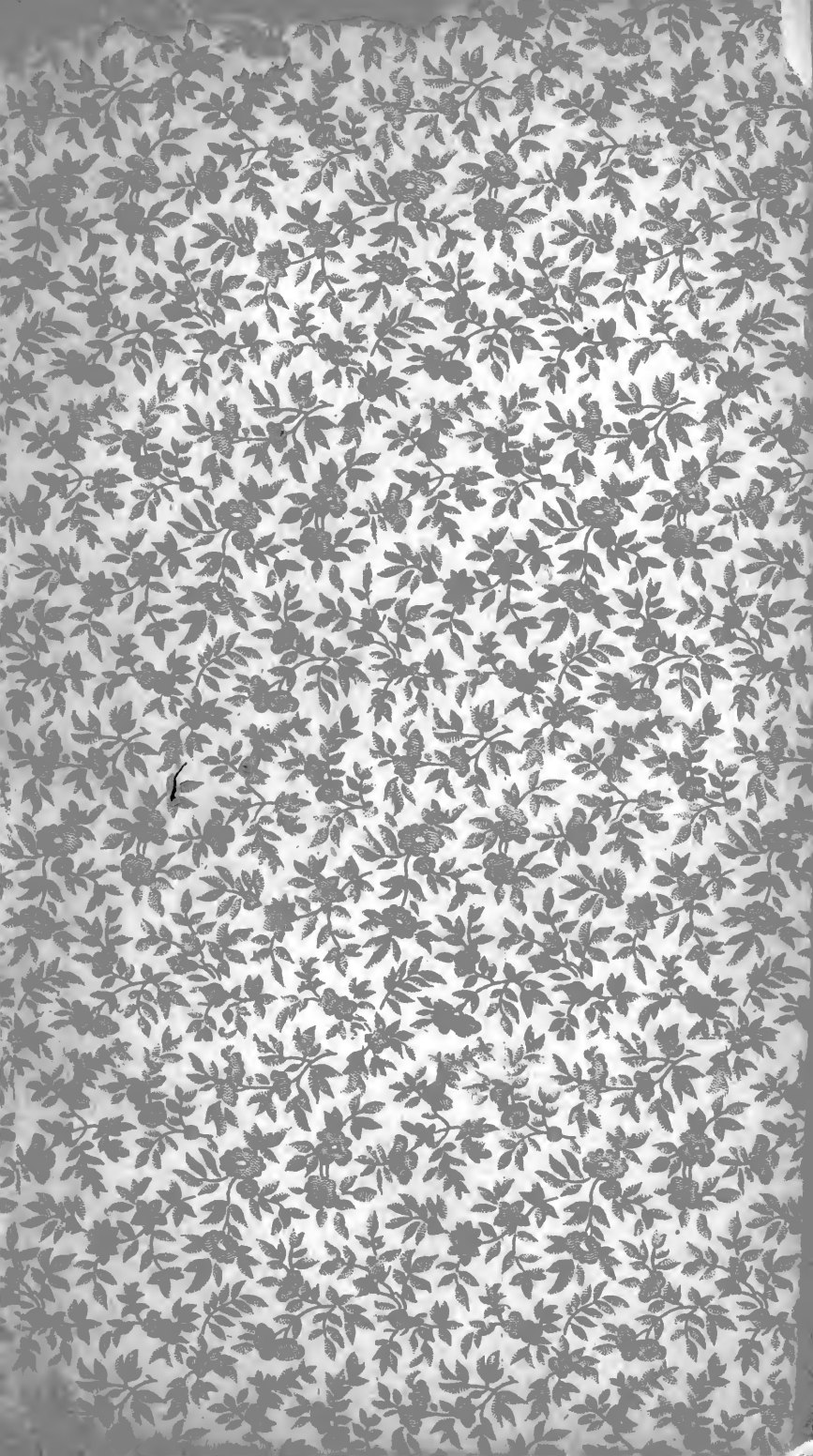


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*Creating ways are his Commands,
His Statutes with Instruction stands,
His Judgments follow in all Lands.*



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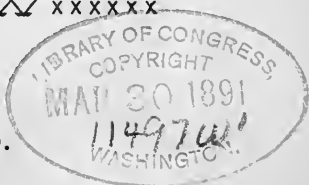
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THE ARGUMENT.

Invention as popularized to-day, and which has made our people stand in the front rank as inventors, has been greatly due to the fact that no people are so familiar with the great work of the ancients—our Bible—into which has been collected all their knowledge, piled in there, so to say, three deep, nothing being admitted unless it bore out this triple form of expression.

Our Fathers called "The Book Divine,"
And why should we complain, repine?
They won "Our Freedom" by its aid;
In Freedom, see "The Book" portrayed.
"The Bible's" wrote in Nature's Laws,
And sage experience finds no flaws;
Our laws were gathered from its page,
The ripe experience of each age.

Let "Public Schools" its page peruse,
None but a Traitor can refuse.
Who most will know, there most will find
The pride and glory of the mind.
Its truths have prospered ev'ry land,
'Tis virtue in its high command;
Let's rev'rence "The Book" sublime,
And sow its beauties in our clime;
Let ev'ry fireside learn its worth,
To crown with blessings ev'ry hearth.

In Genesis you there will find,
Those laws,—the "image" of your mind;
'Twas science wrote them so complete,
Pure science never knew defeat:
Create, instruct, and then preserve,

The Key to the Aerostic

• • • in the Story of
• • • The Old Fourth of July.



PRELUDE—

"The New England Girl, 1891."

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—

There's a charm in the motion,
There is grace and devotion:
'Round Jessie they play.

THE OLD FOURTH OF JULY—

And the dimples are playing,
Nor is art from her straying:
With Marion stay.

THE LITERARY PLAN—

'Tis the eye is so gentle,
And the form is a' healthfu,
In J. M. White.

THE SOLAR SYSTEM—

Coming down from the olden,
A long line that is golden,
So charming to-

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Invent, apply and then deserve;
 These three great forms—our ev'ry aim—
 These are the laws our genius claim.
 An image of our Maker too
 In form divine, 'twas thus it grew.

How ordered is each thought, and plan,
 With utmost skill, with pleasure scan;
 You'll find to nature it is true
 And learn the lesson how you grew,
 You'll see how carefully is shown
 How every order there was grown,
 And steps along the charming plan,
 That leads so grandly up through man.
 Now read, and mark, and inward learn,
 And see thyself at ev'ry turn.

Here great inventions lie supprest,
 In thoughts of ev'ry age comprest;
 Here is the store-house of the mind,
 We've only got to search to find,
 To learn what former ages wrought
 And find the plan they put in thought;
 "There's nothing new," the wise man said,
 All knowledge then has here its bed.

We are the sons of those great Sires,
Their thoughts and plans are our desires;
 Let noble sons, of noble Sires,
 Illume again their great desires.

The Three Acts.

1ST ACT.	2D ACT.	3D ACT.
Gen. I & II, v. 3.	Gen. II, v. 3, and III.	Gen. IV.
God—Creator.	Lord God—Instructor.	Lord—Preserver.
Collect.	Combine.	Animate.

Creations, never fully done,
 There's something left for ev'ry one.

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PRELUDE.

Tell it again the story so olden,
Here with the pen, the charm that is golden:
Every bright dream that poet has holden.

Newest, and oldest, fame on it rest,
Ere be it glory to crown it the best.

Where is the land so famous and blest?
Emigrant's Home, to the East or the West?
Nations a thought will surely attest.
Glory and golden be this, in its zest,
Living and loving its lasting behest,
—And ways, unenduring, be always supprest.
New be the way, still old be the quest,
Dauntless in doing, all grandeur possest.

Golden the day—but golden in glory,
Ills be they swept by,—those that are hoary;
Rival in beauty—in doing the story;
Land of the Graces—forever thy glory.

Ever in future, so may it last,
In all the bright ages none brighter has past,
Growing in beauty—beauty to grow,
Hallowing memory—sweetest to know.

Time, be it olden, away be the way,
Early in thought, our own to this day,
Eighteen and ninety, or twice, may I say.
Nay, it be older, a third, it is known,
No thought can gainsay, all Truth is there shown:
I'proving the way, the road is well made
Nor can be mistaken, the way it is laid:

'Ere be the people, there be their deeds,
Trusting and loving, charming in needs.

Yonder and yonder, prone they to wander,
Oft they are saying, "I serve the Commander,"
Nearer and nearer, surer the way,
Enlisting, all training for future's grand day.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(CREATE—COLLECT).

Thee Commonwealth—on bended knee
High as my aim, I bow to Thee.
Enslaved no more ; all graciously
Remember me : Here let me pray,
Ever to thee I look with pride.
Secure to know I'm not denied.
Amid the Land, I see but Thee
Comfort and Guardian, grander be.

How came thy Law of Commonwealth ?
All Governments have part thy health !
Research, again, thy law is found.
May all its worth again abound.

Invention ! Scan its common rule,
None know this richer than your school.

These two are witnesses and prove.
Here are the Laws that none can move.

E'n these, their thought—we now define—
Must still some other thought combine ;
Oh say, and reach to that great past
(Till time shall wane—to ever last)
Invention is a law Divine,
Or Commonwealth we so define,
None can deny, its all is thine.

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again."
Here is the Truth, I now explain :

Enwrapt around by hoary age,
Remove the cere-cloth from the page
Ere bring t' view "The Light of Ages"
In its grand page, the rule of Sages :
See *first Creating* pow'r and skill,
Go on, and hear *Instructing* will
Rise then and learn how to *Preserve*
And then how grandly to deserve.

Call Time to say, who wrote the way,
Entrancing Thought for living day
All glory charms this living way
Nor 'Time nor Rust can it decay.

Divinest Thought, and Science share,
Down deeper, find more glory there.

Entrancing Science, all attain,
Volumes on volumes can't explain !
Oh wondrous Book by man possest,
Thou art all Treasures when exprest
In thee, thee only, is the plan,
Oh wond'rous work of noblest man !
None doubt, who can thy pages scan.

Roll on the thought, we there observe,
On ev'ry hand, may all preserve.

United is the plan when known,
Divinely fair, the plan when grown.
Justice and Truth—our Commonwealth—
E'n these cannot be held by stealth,
So teach to all, till all shall know
Such teaching must true grandeur show.
I see this daily, day by day,
Engrafted firmly be the way.

The Commonwealth, a foe must be—
Here, hate or ignorance, to see—
Each one would soon bring on the storm
Your ev'ry good would then be shorn.
Place these beyond the pow'r to harm
Lead on, instruct, the noble charm,
All blend in one, The Public School
Your SACRED TRUST—INVENTION'S RULE.

The Old Fourth of July.

(INSTRUCT—COMBINE.)

All thought looks back to yonder past,
No other form has matrix cast.

Devoutly fair, expressive, grand ;

To nature true ; His laws command.

How fades the light as time grows on,

Enslaving forms with life most gone,

Descending down, in Fable's spring,

In Images, the deadly sting.

More terrors still, war's angry hand

Puts Death for Life in ev'ry Land.

Let Learning guide the future day,

Engulfing Ignorance—decay.

Some truth in error may remain

And tracing back, we all reclaim.

Recall the Laws, these "forms," betray,

E'n oldest law, they sure display.

Plead Gravitation then was known,

Let "falling fig from fig tree" own,¹

And earth revolving also shown.

Yon "ship" in passing on the waves²

It leaves no path to show its ways,

Nor earth revolving path displays.

Go hear the poets raptures swell,

Now hear him of *Great Jesse* tell³

Or, future with the past, to bind,

Redeeming love, inventing find :

In these all speak great Enoch's praise,

So "Holy Mountain"⁴ bound, disl lays.

And Jesse's line—the *three in one*—

Revolving thought, proclaiming Son.

To those again, Revolving year,
For *July's Fourth will there appear*,
Rise "Solar System" to our view ⁵
On Noah's skill, who proved you true.
Made strongholds fall, and built again,
His "Pyramid" can best explain ;
Electric Light from summit shown
Resplendent is "The Great White Throne."
So "Spirit of the Lord came down,"
To Show in glory, his renown.

Remember this to-day "My Son,"
And grandly honor Jefferson ;
Your link of truth, both old, and new,
In his great thought you can review.
Nor need we doubt, or dread, or fear,
Great Abraham has made it clear,
Whose Love and Honor will explain,
In "Mighty Pillar" to retain
To Future Ages, Noah's skill ;
His "Pillar" lies at Tanis still.

My thought perhaps may still be true,
Another "Pillar" comes in view,
Reared to replace that overthrown,
In "Cleopatra's Needle" known.

Oh, Mighty Past, how near again,
Noble and true ; may we attain ;
Set all thy truths before our thought—
To us, the wonders thou hast wrought.
And may we learn to love and praise
Your Mighty Deeds, by nobler ways.

1. Isaiah, xxxiv. : 4.

2. Wis. Sol., v. : 8.

3. Isaiah, xi.

4. Arranged the Constellations 3040 B. C. "When the morning stars sang together."

5. Solar System proved by Noah July 4th, 2356 B. C.

The Literary Plan.

(PRESERVE—AMPLIFY.)

To me there's grandeur in the past
I feel e'n now; their deeds can last.
 See yonder Sign in Science sent,
 To me its blessings now are lent.
How lovely lineage speaks again,
Enrapt in "Beauty" was their ken.
"Eye hath not seen," we see again.
 Yon history brings all to sight
 Entrancing glory be the light.
I see the Cross, it pleads for me;
See yonder Cross upon the Tree;
 So brings the "Wand'rer" to return,
 Our hearts opprest forever yearn.
Give Holy Fire to Light the Flame
Enduring Faith and Hope to Claim:
 Now Wand'ring Cain, with guilt can flee;
 To later Seth the promise see;
Links in the Chain of brotherhood,
Enslaved by hate, woes awful food.
 And here we see *personified*,
 New thoughts arise to stay the tide,
 Danger and horrors are the storm,
 'Tis Nobleness—the rising form,—
Here is the Plan, the plan for time,
Enthusing Deeds, that are sublime,
 Fear not tho' hate and scorn deride,
 Our Brother needs a hand to guide,
 Renouncing Self, rejecting pain,
 Man's higher pow'rs we thus attain.

I hear this Anthem through all time,
Salvation, Sings the song sublime.
A' hallowed fire lights up the mind
He'vn's aid to teach and bless mankind.
"Enquire within" there light attain
All Lit'rature will help explain.

Let Science speak, her sons adorn,
'Tis Deeds for man her skill has borne;
Here see their Genius laying out
For future time to work about.

Unitedly, 'tis Labor wins,
In Idleness all Crime begins.

Now view with pride the thought there shown,
Just call your deeds, your Parents' own,
May you thus work with higher aim,
With higher thought still greater claim.

Here let your love by deeds be known,
In earnest ways your life be shown,
'Tis thought that builds enduring fame,
Nor feel regret, if none will name;
Entrust to future; high attain;
Your nobleness, a crown will gain.



The Solar System.

(REDEEM—ANIMATE.)

Come Chariots ! My Chariot !!
On Adam's Plain, the Course is set.
Matchless the steeds, and grand the race,
Inspired they run, 'gainst Time and Space.
Now see them rolling down the blue.
Great realms of people gathered view.
Divinely fair ; Attraction's time !
Oh chariot-worlds—the race sublime.
With thee, the ancients loved to dwell,
Nor failed to sing your praises well ;
Filled all their song with your grand race,
Raptures unfold with charming grace :
Oh Glory crowning Homer's song,
Moving with majesty along,
The Thought in Pentaur's grandest strains;
Hero's unnumbered crowd the plains:
Enthusing be his verse and plan,
On Amon ! On Great Buto's man :
Like Thee their kings all sought to be,
Deeds nobler for old *Thebes* to see
Entrancing deeds for *Us* to hear
Now *Carnac*'s thought we see more clear.
And now their deeds are flowing on,
Like rolling worlds they dwell upon.
Oft has the theme inspired the pen,
Now let it rise more grand than then,
Give place to deeds built in their way
Lighting with life to latest day.
I see their pow'r, I hear their call,
Now later thought, will grasp them all.

Enriched and grander far than they
There in grand Job these forces play.
His skill could paint, could plainer draw,
And leave the lesson, plain to all.

To him—Great LINCOLN—trained in thought;
In him the Course is plainly taught,
Such men are praises to the song,
Glory and grandeur, lead along.

On Asian Plains—those Plains of Fire,
Lift up again their “Flag and Lyre.”
Descend ye ancients from your heights,
Enrich again with your “Delights,”
New wave the Flag, annealed in Flame,
So march along, and conquest name.

Or, let your noble hands again

Claim “Flag of Fire” bequeathed in pain.
High Thought, and grand emprise you taught,
And these upon the Flag were wrought.
Roll on those deeds. Immortal fame;
Move on, in glory’s golden name.

In thee we live, without we die,

Nor can we other *Course* decry.

Grand Master Mason, dear and kind,
Throw wide the portals, of the mind,
On there impress the Course more plain,
Descending gently there to rein.

And onward on their Course of Time
Your Chariots roll in thoughts sublime.



THE FIRST MASONIC CONVOCATION.

After many conferences in the cause a convocation was called and held at the Temple of the Mind. The following action was taken in the matter of a formulation of the principles of those of the Craft of Masons, who were desirous to preserve to the future the knowledge deemed to be gained by their observations.

A large, intelligent and deeply interested audience was assembled.

On motion, by the Chairman of the Preliminary Committee, Mr. Adam Redman was chosen to preside. He thanked the audience for the honor conferred and stated that he understood the object of the meeting to be the formulation of ideas of the many into some definite expression. His young friend Mr. Menes had made many observations on Electricity, others had studied the Anatomy of the human body and of animals, others the habits of plants, others had observed the System of the Heavens that surrounds us. Now, he had with great pleasure heard these varied views and thought he could detect they all worked in harmony.

With the approval of the meeting he would appoint Mr. Alphabet Tree to act as Recording Secretary and then announced that business was in order.

The Chairman of the Preliminary Committee stated, at the meetings of the Committee, he had been instructed to offer the following as a definite expression to which all could assent.

“Resolved, That, first, in the beginning a Creator created the Heaven and the Earth.

“Second, the Earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, and the spirit of the Creator moved (brooded) upon the face of the waters (deep).

“Third, the Creator said, ‘Let there be Light and there was Light.’

“Fourth the Creator called the Light Day, and the Darkness he called Night.

“Fifth, the Creator said, ‘Let there be an expansion in the midst of the Deep, and let it divide the Deep from the Deep,’ and the Creator called the expansion Heaven.

“Sixth, the Creator gathered the waters under the expansion into one place, and let the dry land appear. He called the dry land Earth, and the gathered waters Seas.

“Seventh, and the Creator created plants, the sun, the stars (and planets) and animals, and he made man in his own image.”

The President then stated the matter presented was open for discussion, and he hoped all would give expression to their views, as discussion was the life of progress. All were free and equal, so no one need feel reserved.

Mr. Experiment asked if this was another way of describing what he had heard the President say was the “Solar System.” He was informed that it was.

Mr. Observation asked if there was any rules for determining these things.

The President—That is matter for the future. We are here to formulate a guide to investigation.

Mr. Fact arose and said he had been greatly encouraged with the free, and pleasant, and numerous remarks made, and he would move the adoption of the Resolutions as the first Charter of Masons.

The Resolves were enthusiastically adopted without dissent. They were then ordered engrossed on Parchment and signed by the President and Secretary.

The Convocation then adjourned.

ILLUSTRIOUS MASONS.

Inventive Genius—He defined the law of progress to be: Create, Instruct, Preserve, or, Collect, Combine, then Amplify and Animate.

Enoch Chronology—He invented the Harmony of the spheres; his favorite song was "When the Morning Stars Sang Together." He lived sometime before and after 3040 B. C. He named the Solar Cycle 28 years, the Lunar Cycle 19 years, and placed the Constellations, assisted by Adam Redman. His great works were exhibited in Egypt, where a monument was built whose base was the key to Chronology $12 \times 28 = 40 \times 19 = 760$ measure of one side of the Great Pyramid, $760 \times 4 = 3040$, the year of the demonstration. $\frac{1}{2}$ of 3040 gives the date 1520 B. C. of Joshua's battle, and 1520 years later was the Birth of Christ.

S. S.—Noah proved the "Revolution of the Year," demonstrated the "solar system;" he pulled down in part the great pyramid, re-erected it, a definitive figure of the "solar system." Encased it with white polished marble, and placed the electric light thereon as typical of the light that lights the world. Done July 4th, 2356 B. C.

Abraham built Thebes, a temple in honor of the Trinity: God—the Creator, the Lord God, the Instructor, and the Lord, the preserver. He also erected a beautiful "Pillar," a mighty shaft, to the honor of Noah at Tanis; 400 years (1956 B. C.) after Noah had demonstrated the truths of the solar system.

Jacob, who completed the work of Isaac, Abraham, Shem and Eber, conquered "Canaan—bright Canaan"—and connected the rivers Nile and Euphrates—Thebes and Babylon—by telegraph; completed B. C. 1820. This event is preserved in the story of the marriage of Laban's daughters by Jacob.

Solomon, a famous architect and builder, erected a temple of all the sacred literature and science preceding him—this is the library of all true Masons to-day.

Isaiah, called the sublime poet, popularized the works of science, applied to them the rule of Mr. Inventive Genius, by which he was enabled to lay down the events of the future, from the consummate principles of the past.

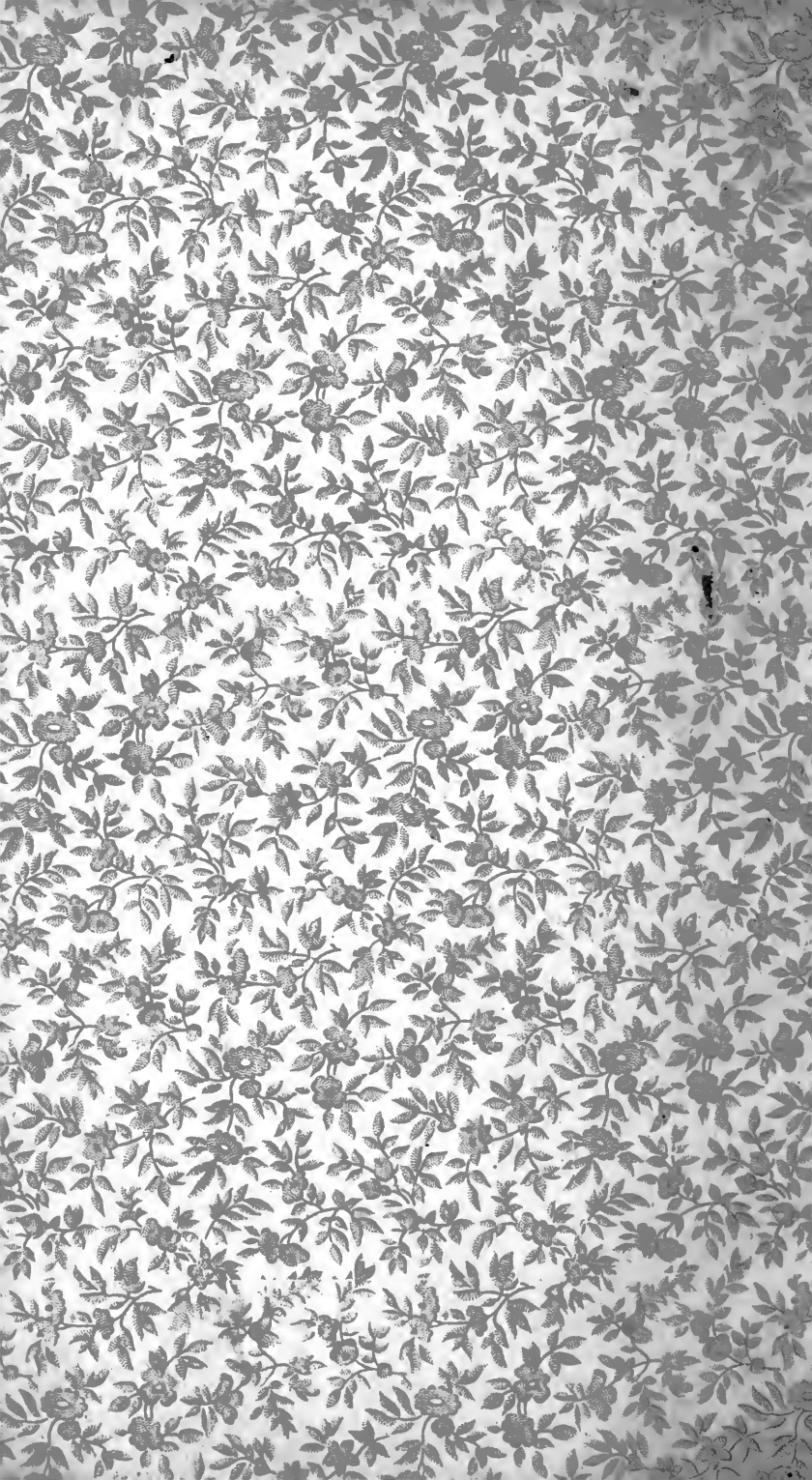
Having been privileged to copy out these salient points in the past life of the great Masonic fraternity I can with great pleasure refer you to the great record itself, which is the Poetry of Science in Thought, it always has three meanings (theory, experience and judgment) (create, instruct, preserve) (collect, combine, animate) (legislative, executive, judicial).

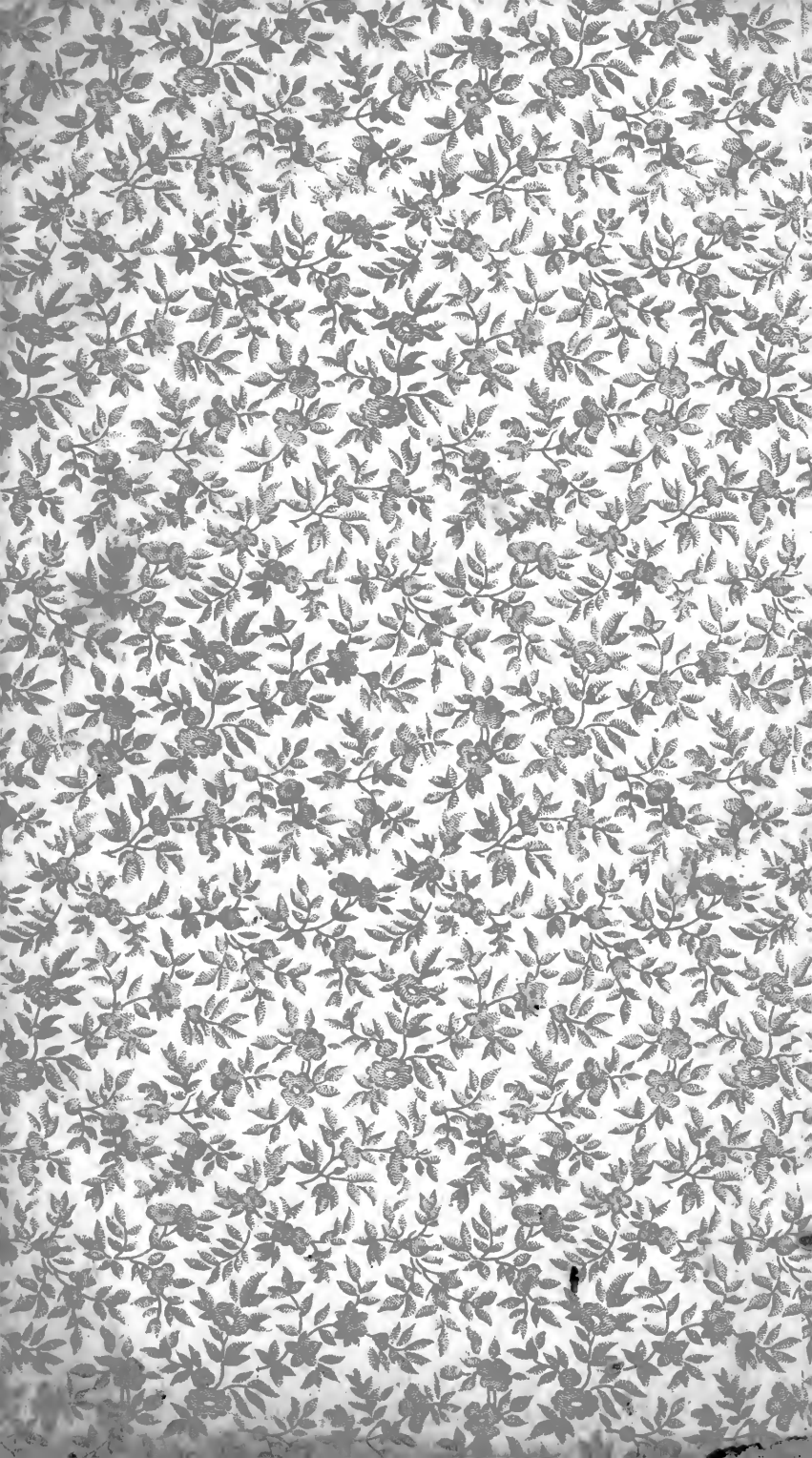
An example: 1st, the pleasant story of Esau and Jacob, visible on the surface. 2d, the discussion of the great ethnological question—the red and the white man. 3d, the question of science and humanity to the divine law (the great common law) "That God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." I have no doubt Esau and Jacob and Laban passed before Paul's mind when he uttered that great truth in the Areopagus before the proud and vain Greeks.

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